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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Road Agents, School Board, and Other Officials

OF THE

TOWN OF GROTON

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1939

BRISTOL, N. H.
MUSGROVE PRINTING HOUSE
1939

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1939

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
AGNES A. LANE

TOWN CLERK
SARAH DUNKERTON

SELECTMEN
S. E. LANE
ELWIN G. GOULD
THOMAS NEWTON

ROAD AGENTS
PERLEY MATTHEWS
FRED VINTON

SNOW REMOVAL
ERNEST MATTHEWS

TREASURER
SARAH DUNKERTON

TAX COLLECTOR
ANNIE M. ESTY

LAND AGENTS
SELECTMEN

LIBRARIAN
AGNES A. LANE

POLICE
HERBERT REMICK

CONSTABLE
HORACE PATTERSON

OVERSEER OF POOR
THOMAS NEWTON

HEALTH OFFICER
ELWIN G. GOULD

AUDITORS
FLORA MATTHEWS DOROTHY WHEELER
MARY PATTERSON

SCHOOL BOARD
ANNIE ESTY CYNTHIA WHITE
DORIS DECKER

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK AND TREASURER
SARAH DUNKERTON

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
ELWIN G. GOULD AGNES A. LANE
THOMAS NEWTON

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FLORA MATTHEWS EDNA GOULD
DOROTHY WHEELER

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for year ensuing and three years.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

3. To see if the town will vote to accept the budget as prepared and make appropriations for same.

4. To see if the town will vote to give a discount of 3% on property taxes paid on or before August 1st.

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by tax collector's deed.

6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for blister rust control and make appropriations for same.

8. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid construction and make appropriations for same.

9. To see if the town will vote to accept T. R. A. for Class V Roads and make appropriations for same.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for fire fighting equipment and make appropriations for same.

11. To see if the town will vote to have state auditors and make appropriations for same.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for plow, either blade or V shape, for use with a truck for winter breaking and appropriate money for same.

13. To see if the town will vote to contract the snow removal and sanding for a term of years and make appropriation for same.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for rental of land for sticking lumber and make appropriation for same.

15. To see if the town will vote to open road to Mike Parris house and allow him to repair it for back taxes.

16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10 for the issuance and distribution of printed matter, calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town in co-operation with the other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee region.

17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to buy cloth for curtains for booths at town house.

18. And to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

S. E. LANE,
ELWIN GOULD,
THOMAS NEWTON,
Selectmen of Groton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

S. E. LANE,
ELWIN GOULD,
THOMAS NEWTON,
Selectmen of Groton.

BUDGET OF TOWN OF GROTON

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the year ending Jan. 31, 1940, compared with actual Revenues and Expenditures ending Jan. 31, 1939.

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1938	Estimated 1939
Interest and dividend tax	$ 17.49	$ 17.49
Savings bank tax	22.46	22.46
Bounties	24.00	24.00
Dog licenses	22.00	22.00
Interest received on taxes	104.22	104.22
Abatement of state tax	26.94	26.94
Refund county poor	60.59	
Refund W. P. A.	187.36	
Auto permits	169.44	150.00
Poll taxes	144.00	140.00
Notes	9,500.00	
Balance in treasury, 1938	1,426.35	2,525.93
	$ 11,704.85	$ 3,033.04
Amount raised by property tax	22,831.82	14,695.61
	$ 34,536.67	$ 17,728.65

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual 1938	Estimated 1939
General government		
Town officers' salaries	$ 923.18	$ 900.00
Town officers' expenses	375.11	400.00
Election and registration	77.40	
Town hall expenses	15.00	10.00
Protection of persons and property		
Police	24.40	10.00
Fire department	116.60	216.60
Bounties	20.40	20.40
Moth extermination		200.00
Health department		
Vital statistics	1.75	5.00
Highways and bridges		
Town maintenance	6,423.51	2.500.00
General expense highway dept.	33.00	500.00
Library	230.00	100.00
County poor	65.60	
Town poor	25.66	100.00
Old age assistance	62.68	100.00
Unclassified	6,024.10	2,000.00
Cemeteries	10.00	10.00
Interest temporary loans	418.56	600.00
Interest trust funds		12.00
Town construction highways and bridges	4,402.78	
State aid construction, town's share	1,049.90	700.50
Bonds, notes, loans	6,500.00	1,000.00
State tax	876.00	876.00
County tax	1,635.11	1,635.11
Payments to school district	2,700.00	2,800.00
	$ 32,010.74	$ 14,695.61

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, APRIL 1, 1938

Lands and buildings	$ 279,270.00
Electric plants	173,650.00
Horses, 32	3,900.00
Cows, 34	1,630.00
Neat, 1	30.00
Sheep, 8	50.00
Portable mills	700.00
Boats	400.00
Wood and lumber	5,500.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	200.00
Stock in trade	500.00
Mills and machinery	1,500.00
	$ 467,380.00

Polls, 79 at $2.00	$ 158.00
Soldiers' exemptions	4,990.00
Rate per $100	4.50

We certify that the above is a correct transcript of the footings of each column of taxable property, the amount of taxes levied, and the rate of taxation in the town of Groton in the year 1938.

S. E. LANE,
ELWIN GOULD,
THOMAS NEWTON,
Selectmen of Groton.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries		$ 900.00
Town officers' expenses		400.00
Election and registration		50.00
Town hall		20.00
Police		50.00
Fire department		50.00
Bounties		20.00
State aid construction		800.00
Town maintenance		4,100.00
Town construction and bridge		3,635.88
General expense of highway department		400.00
Unclassified		569.10
Taxes bought by town		2,037.21
Libraries		230.00
Old age assistance		78.00
Town poor		72.00
Cemeteries		20.00
Interest		570.84
Payment on debt		1,000.00
State tax		876.00
County tax		1,635.11
School tax		3,381.21
		$ 20,902.35
Less estimated revenues and credits		
Interest and dividends tax	$ 17.34	
Savings bank tax	28.08	
Motor vehicle permits	130.33	
		$ 175.75
		$ 20,726.60
Plus overlay		463.50
Net amount to be raised by taxation		$ 21,190.10

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Less poll taxes, 79 at $2.00	158.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which town tax is figured, tax rate $4.50	$ 21,032.10
Taxes to be committed to collector	
Property taxes	$ 21,032.10
Poll taxes	158.00
Committed to collector	$ 21,190.10

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, lands and buildings	$ 1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	200.00
Libraries, land and buildings	1,500.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	800.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Schools, land and buildings	2,200.00
Equipment	600.00
Through tax collector's deed	150.00
	$ 9,150.00

TOWN OF GROTON BALANCE SHEET

Jan. 31, 1938

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	$ 2,525.93
Due from state, bounties	20.40
Mortgage and notes owned by town	432.00
Property owned by town from tax deeds	10,693.61
Uncollected taxes, levy 1938	3,329.79
Uncollected taxes, levy 1937	12.00
Uncollected taxes, levy 1936	17.00
	$ 17,030.73

LIABILITIES

Outstanding temporary loans	$ 12,000.00
School tax	1,688.21
Trust funds	150.00
	$ 13,838.21
Excess of assets over liabilities, surplus	3,192.52
	$ 17,030.73

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Tax collected for auto permits from April 1, 1938 to Feb. 7, 1939	$ 165.89
Refund from Rumney town clerk on auto tax	3.65
Dog tax collected	22.00
	$ 191.54
Paid to treasurer	191.44
Cash on hand	$ 0.10

One fire reported for the year 1938.

SARAH DUNKERTON,
Town Clerk.

Examined and found correct.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
MARY G. PATTERSON,
Auditors.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1937 uncollected tax	$ 4,332.44	
1937 added tax	18.00	
Interest	70.27	
		$ 4,420.71
1937 property tax collected	$ 1,188.44	
1937 poll tax collected	44.00	
Abatements	1,978.80	
Interest	70.27	
Bought by town	1,127.20	
Uncollected tax	12.00	
		$ 4,420.71
Amount of warrant for 1938	$ 21,190.10	
Added tax	25.00	
Interest	15.87	
		$ 21,230.97
1938 property tax collected	$ 15,219.62	
1938 poll tax collected	100.00	
Interest	15.87	
Uncollected tax	3,329.79	
Discount	234.74	
Abatements	2,330.95	
		$ 21,230.97

ANNIE M. ESTY,
Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1938	$ 1,426.35

RECEIPTS

Annie M. Esty, collector	$ 22,075.15
Warren A. Remick	369.89
Pemigewasset National Bank notes	9,500.00
S. E. Lane, Mike Parris tax redeemed	35.00
Thomas Newton, refund from county	60.59
Pemigewasset National Bank, redeemed tax	575.00
Selectmen on D. C. Hamlin tax	25.00
Ernest Adams, refund on W. P. A.	46.80
Edward Dunkerton, refund on W. P. A.	129.92
Distribution on interest and dividends tax	17.49
Abatement of state tax	26.94
Savings bank tax	22.46
State, bounties on hedgehogs and bear	24.00
Town clerk, auto permits	169.44
Town clerk, dog tax	22.00
Thomas Newton, refund from Frank Wyatt	10.64
	$ 34,536.67
Less selectmen's orders paid	32,010.74
Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1939	$ 2,525.93

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH DUNKERTON,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
MARY G. PATTERSON,
Auditors.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Amount committed to collector	$ 21,215.10
Less uncollected and discounts	3,564.53
Property tax, current year, actually collected	$ 17,550.57
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected	100.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	4,509.69
Property taxes, redeemed	815.56
Interest and dividend tax	17.49
Savings bank tax	22.46
Abatements, state tax	26.94
State treasurer, bounties	24.00
Refund, county poor	60.59
Dog licenses	22.00
Refund, W. P. A.	176.72
Motor permits	169.44
Interest, 1938	15.87
Interest, 1937	70.27
Refund, Wyatt	10.64
Loans	9,500.00
Cash on hand	1,426.35
	$ 34,518.59
W. A. Remick interest	18.08
	$ 34,536.67

PAYMENTS

General government	
Town officers' salaries	$ 923.18
Town officers' expenses	375.11
Town hall	15.00
Police department	24.40
Election and registration	77.40
Fire department	116.60
Bounties	20.40
Vital statistics	1.75
Town maintenance	6,423.51
General expenses of highway department	33.00
Libraries	230.00
Town Poor	88.34
County poor	65.60
Unclassified	6,024.10
Cemeteries	10.00
Interest	418.56
Town construction	4,402 78
State aid construction	1,049.90
Anticipation of taxes	6,500.00
State tax	876.00
County tax	1,635.11
School tax	2,700.00
	$ 32,010.74

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Flora Matthews, auditor	$ 8.00
D. H. Wheeler, auditor	8.00
Mildred Bartlett, auditor	8.00
S. E. Lane, selectman	175.60
E. G. Gould, selectman	202.78
Thomas Newton, selectman	200.00
Annie Esty, collector	135.20
Sarah Dunkerton, clerk and treasurer	110.00
Edythe Newton, supervisor	9.00
A. M. Brown, supervisor	21.20
Frank E. Woodward	7.20
Arlon Bartlett, selectman	34.60
Mildred Bartlett, supervisor	3.60
	$ 923.18

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

S. E. Lane, selectman	$ 191.34
E. G. Gould, selectman	66.97
Thomas Newton, selectman	78.80
Arlon Bartlett, selectman	8.00
Horace Patterson	5.50
Sarah Dunkerton	20.00
Annie Esty	4.50
	$ 375.11

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Irving Emerson, ballot clerk	$ 3.60
E. E. Matthews, ballot clerk	3.60
Louise Lane, ballot clerk	3.60
Delma Dunkerton, ballot clerk	7.20
Rose Woodward, ballot clerk	3.60
E. E. Horne, ballot clerk	3.60
Edythe Newton, supervisor	23.40
Frank E. Woodward	21.60
A. M. Brown, supervisor	7.20
	$ 77.40

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

A. M. Brown, janitor	$ 15.00
Herbert Remick, police	22.80
Horace Patterson	1.60
E. G. Gould, deputy fire warden	10.40
S. E. Lane, fire warden	81.20
Rumney Fire Department, town fire	25.00
Fred Landry, bounty, bear	5.00
Geo. Hikel, bounty, bear	5.00
Thomas Newton, bounties, hedgehogs	6.00
W. S. H. Remick, bounties, hedgehogs	1.20
S. E. Lane, bounties, hedgehogs	3.20
Sarah Dunkerton, vital statistics	1.50
J. W. Coolidge, vital statistics	.25
E. E. Matthews, housing road machine, 1937	5.00
A. M. Brown, cemetery	10.00
W. S. H. Remick, dynamite and caps	28.00
Flora Matthews, library treasurer	230.00
Town poor	25.66
County poor	65.60
Old age assistance	62.68
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	45.65

F. J. Shores, register	$ 13.75
John C. Ray, bonds	55.00
Sarah Dunkerton, auto fees, etc.	40.68
Annie Esty, abatements, 1937-38	4,309.75
Annie Esty, taxes bought by town	1,127.20
Annie Esty, miscellaneous	112.56
W. A. Remick, deeds, discharges and costs	241.70
N. H. Assessors Association	2.00
Musgrove Printing House, town reports	75.81
Agnes A. Lane, interest	80.00
Pemigewasset National Bank, interest	338.56
Pemigewasset National Bank, payments on note	6,500.00
State Treasurer, state tax	876.00
County Treasurer, county tax	1,635.11
School district	2,700.00
State Treasurer, Highway Department, S. A. O.	1,049.90
	$ 19,808.76

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

South End—Supervision of Perley Matthews

Perley Matthews and truck	$ 395.40
Perley Matthews, truck	28.80
Perley Matthews, labor and supplies	13.48
Floyd Colby, labor	111.00
E. E. Matthews, labor	3.60
Carroll Matthews, labor	2.40
Carroll Matthews and truck	63.60
F. E. Matthews, labor	16.40
O. G. Matthews, labor	17.20
C. E. Matthews, gravel	4.50
Thomas Newton, team	15.60
Laurice Esty, labor	26.00
Perley Woodward, labor	7.80
Elmer Woodward, labor	17.80
Edward Dunkerton, labor	16.40
Leon Blake, labor	1.20
Irving Emerson, labor	16.80
George Hikel, labor	48.80
Sarah Dunkerton, gravel	19.00
George Metavia, labor	21.60
Clinton Hutchins, labor	71.60
Hubert Butterfield, team and labor	28.00
Flora Remick, gas and supplies	.75
Maurice Decker, labor	20.00
Eliza Haynes, sand	1.05
Ralph Miles, supplies	30.60
S. E. Lane, trip to Bristol	2.00
Walter Merrill, dynamite and spikes	13.23
	$ 1,014.61

South End—Brook—P. D. Matthews, Agent

P. D. Matthews and truck	$ 79.20
P. D. Matthews, labor	7.80
O. G. Matthews and truck	28.80
Perley Woodward, labor	14.40
Floyd Colby, labor	18.00
Elmer Woodward, labor	17.20
E. Matthews, labor	14.00
Laurice Esty, labor	22.80
S. E. Lane, dynamite	5.44
F. E. Matthews, labor	14.00
Clifton Hutchins, labor	15.60
Eliza Haynes, sand	12.70
Walter Merrill, dynamite and use of derrick	14.00
	$ 263.94

North End—Supervision of Fred Vinton

Fred Vinton, labor	$ 238.25
E. M. Stevens, team	175.60
Horace Patterson, labor	125.80
Carl Bowles, gravel	2.40
Preston Bickford, labor	130.60
Carrol Matthews and truck	10.80
W. J. Allen, labor	55.40
Carl Bowles, team	2.40
C. C. Reed, gravel	2.25
Mike Parris, team	14.40
Mike Parris, gravel	6.60
O. G. Matthews, labor	1.60
Thomas Newton, team	1.60
Elwin Gould, posts and rail	1.50
E. M. Stevens, gravel	3.00
Robert Kinne, labor	46.00
Robert Kinne, truck	5.00

Elwin Gould, labor	$ 55.60
S. E. Lane, plank and spikes	131.20
	$ 1,010.00

North End—Brook—Fred Vinton, Agent

Fred Vinton, labor	$ 30.80
Preston Bickford, labor	32.00
W. J. Allen, labor	32.00
Laurence Bowles, labor	28.80
Kenneth Bickford, labor	28.80
Elwin Gould, labor	26.20
Horace Patterson	21.40
	$ 200.00

FLOOD—**North End**

Fred Vinton, labor	$ 82.80
Horace Patterson, labor	80.40
Elwin Gould, labor	112.00
Walter Bowles, labor	55.20
Carl Bowles, labor	34.00
Kenneth Bickford, labor	41.60
Preston Bickford, labor	25.20
W. J. Allen, labor	69.60
Fred Waldron, labor	64.00
E. M. Stevens, team	136.00
C. H. Tarr, team	2.40
Horace Patterson, truck	116.80
Edmond Houle, labor	23.60
S. E. Lane, foreman	86.40
Rene Latulippe, truck	10.80
Thomas Newton, truck	87.72
Carl Bowles, team	48.80
Carl Bowles, gravel	9.75

E. M. Stevens, gravel	$ 7.35
S. E. Lane, truck	38.40
S. E. Lane, dynamite and caps	5.00
E. G. Gould, agent, gravel	114.45
E. G. Gould, plank	24.85
E. G. Gould, tools	18.18
E. G. Gould, gravel	22.50
	$ 1,317.80

FLOOD—**South End**

Hubert Butterfield, team	$ 8.80
S. E. Lane, foreman	204.80
Sarah Dunkerton, team	292.40
Thomas Newton, time-keeper	146.20
Theron Hurd, labor	64.80
Harvey Crawford, labor	28.80
Frankie Butterfield, labor	54.00
Hubert Butterfield, labor	52.00
Ernest Adams, labor	111.60
Ed. Dunkerton, truck	378.00
Sarah Dunkerton, gravel	167.10
S. E. Lane, truck	195.50
Thomas Newton, truck	108.00
Clarence Remick, labor	36.00
Perley Woodward, labor	50.40
George Hikel, labor	42.40
Elmer Woodward, labor	14.40
O. G. Matthews, labor	25.20
C. G. Matthews, truck	21.60
Floyd Colby, labor	18.00
S. E. Lane, car trips	52.00
Ed. Dunkerton, labor	7.20
S. E. Lane, lumber	12.50
Thomas Newton, nails	.96
Nick Adams, labor	3.60

Annie Esty, gravel	$ 20.40
Thomas Newton, car trips	17.20
Perley Matthews, truck	72.00
S. E. Lane, postage	3.00
S. E. Lane, dynamite and cap	33.00
Thomas Newton, time sheets	3.60
Miscellaneous	145.28
	$ 2,390.74

POND ROAD

S. E. Lane, labor	$ 73.60
Irving Emerson, labor	36.80
Ed. Dunkerton, labor	33.20
O. G. Matthews, labor	29.60
Thomas Newton, labor	5.60
Thomas Newton, team	15.20
Leon Blake, labor	24.00
S. E. Lane, team	31.60
Frankie Butterfield	18.80
S. E. Lane, truck	10.80
Floyd Colby, labor	1.60
Laurice Esty, labor	3.20
Elmer Woodward, labor	3.20
Clifton Hutchins, labor	3.20
P. D. Matthews, truck	4.80
C. G. Matthews, truck	9.60
H. W. Remick, truck	18.00
Clarence Remick, labor	6.00
E. E. Matthews, labor	1.60
	$ 330.40

BLASTING ROCKS

E. E. Matthews, labor	$ 27.20
Clarence Remick, labor	12.80
Perley Woodward, labor	17.20
C. G. Matthews, labor	16.20
E. Tucker, labor	.90
Walter Merrill, dynamite and caps	16.50
F. E. Matthews, labor	10.00
Hubert Butterfield, labor	4.80
Rowell stage	.25
C. G. Matthews, truck	3.00
	$ 108.85

FLOOD—BUTTERFIELD BRIDGE

S. E. Lane, foreman	$ 236.80
Irving Emerson, labor	106.80
Ed. Dunkerton, labor	100.40
Frankie Butterfield, labor	80.00
Hubert Butterfield, labor	50.00
Leon Blake, labor	76.40
S. E. Lane, team	78.00
W. A. Remick, team	52.80
Clarence Remick, labor	94.80
O. G. Matthews, labor	104.00
C. G. Matthews, truck	102.00
C. G. Matthews, labor	15.60
S. E. Lane, truck	160.20
Thomas Newton, team	7.20
Thomas Newton, truck	126.60
Thomas Newton, car trips	31.45
Thomas Newton, labor	91.60
H. W. Remick, truck	174.00
F. E. Matthews, labor	55.80
Ernest Adams, labor	89.60

Perley Woodward, labor	$ 35.60
Frank E. Woodward, labor	98.00
Frankie Butterfield, drag	3.50
Sarah Dunkerton, gravel and posts	164.20
S. E. Lane, tools	77.05
S. E. Lane, lumber, dynamite and supplies	188.25
Hubert Butterfield, labor	14.00
Karl Wheeler, lumber	60.83
Fred White, labor	92.40
Charlie White, labor	79.60
S. E. Lane, lumber	35.00
Annie Butterfield, stringers	3.35
George Metavia, labor	3.60
Ned Albert, labor	116.60
C. E. Matthews, gravel	15.50
John Cordon, nails	3.60
Flora Remick, gasoline, etc.	22.55
Annie Esty, gravel	7.75
	$ 2,855.43

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD BILLS

N. H. Highway Dept.	$ 16.84
Karl Wheeler	135.87
Chris. Bean	15.00
Sanel Auto Co.	123.00
Frank Wells	223.34
C. H. Stevens	80.30
N. H. Explosives Co.	25.00
Flood	13.60
Snow removal	28.80
	$ 661.75

SNOW REMOVAL

E. E. Matthews, foreman	$ 125.90
C. G. Matthews, truck	67.00
Karl Wheeler, truck	24.00
Clifton Hutchins, labor	4.30
Ed. Dunkerton, labor	31.80
Floyd Colby, labor	25.95
Ed. Dunkerton, truck	1.20
Lena Marshall, sand	3.00
Ernest Tucker, labor	19.50
P. D. Matthews, truck	35.00
Clarence Remick, labor	11.00
O. G. Matthews, labor	8.80
Laurice Esty, labor	10.40
Perley Woodward, labor	20.40
Walter Merrill, sand	10.50
P. D. Matthews, labor	33.30
C. G. Matthews, labor	43.65
S. E. Lane, trip	8.00
Maurice Decker, labor	3.60
Irving Emerson, labor	3.60
W. A. Remick, gasoline	9.60
F. E. Woodward, labor	5.20
F. E. Matthews, labor	20.00
W. J. Allen, labor	1.80
Mike Parris, labor	2.00
Herbert Remick, labor	2.40
Flora B. Remick, gasoline	64.27
P. E. Adams, trip	1.50
	$ 597.67

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agents, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
MARY G. PATTERSON,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Town of Groton note	$ 150.00
In treasury, Feb. 1, 1938	$ 10.24
No interest collected during 1938	
In treasury Feb. 1, 1939	$ 10.24

Examined and found correct.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
MARY G. PATTERSON,
Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

RECEIPTS

1938			
Feb.	1	Cash on hand	$ 1.20
Apr.	2	Selectmen	50.00
May	3	G. N. H. Club	3.07
July	4	Selectmen	4.00
Aug.	5	Selectmen	60.00
	20	Selectmen	50.00
		G. N. H. Club	10.00
Sept.	15	G. N. H. Club	11.27
Nov.	19	Selectmen	16.00
1939			
Jan.	25	Selectmen	50.00
	30	Agnes Lane, librarian, fines	3.00
			$ 258.54

PAYMENTS

1938			
Apr.	9	Flora Remick, lock and nails	$ 2.03
	15	Dorrance & Co., books	2.10
		Reilly Lee & Co., book	.85
	21	Beatrice Warren, books	12.50
	28	Mary Musgrove, labels	3.85
		Ralph Miles, paint	19.50
		G. N. H. Club, insurance	9.25
Aug.	3	Flora Matthews, 2 trips, Plymouth	3.00
	6	Maurice Decker, labor	12.80
		Perley Matthews, labor	14.80
		Ralph Miles, paint and oil	9.75
	13	Maurice Decker, labor	8.80
		Floyd Colby, labor	8.80

Aug.	13	Perley Matthews, labor	$ 5.00
	20	Maurice Decker, labor	10.00
		Perley Matthews, labor and 1 cord wood	25.00
		Floyd Colby, labor	24.00
		Carroll Matthews, labor	2.00
Sept.	14	Carroll Matthews, lumber	1.00
	17	Richard Tapply, sign	6.00
Oct.	3	A. M. Rand, supplies	1.55
		Ralph Miles, supplies	2.62
	14	Lena Matthews, postage	.58
Nov.	28	Insurance	7.44
1939			
Jan.	28	Agnes Lane, librarian's salary	50.00
		Bristol bank, 2 check books	2.00
	30	Popular Mechanics	2.50
		Flora Matthews, 2 trips to deposit money, paste, pen points, elastics and postage	3.25
			$ 250.97
		Cash on hand	7.57
			$ 258.54

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

RESOURCES

Books owned Feb. 1, 1938	1,849
Books added by gifts	187
Books bought by town	75
	2,111
Books destroyed	2
Books owned Jan. 31, 1939	2,109
Books borrowed from Public Library Commission	200
Magazines currently received	5
Magazines currently contributed	5
State reports, etc.	8

SERVICE

Volumes of non-fiction lent	39
Volumes of adult fiction lent	831
Volumes of juvenile fiction lent	1,305
Magazines lent	366
Total circulation	2,541
New borrowers	29
Regular borrowers	37
Patrons of North Groton station	16
Total	82

VITAL STATISTICS

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1938

BIRTHS

In Groton, N. H., March 19, 1938, a son, Floyd Harold, to Floyd H. and Lillian Edna (Herbert) Colby of Groton.

In Plymouth, Nov. 5, 1938, a daughter, Patricia Ann, to Horace George and Mary A. (Gould) Patterson of Groton.

In Groton, Dec. 30, 1938, a daughter, Madelien Shirley, to Herbert W. and Dorothy J. (Hill) Remick of Groton.

MARRIAGES

In Hebron, July 12, 1938, by Rev. R. Barclay Simmons, Nicholas J. Adams of Groton, son of George and Eliza Hache Adams, to Gertrude I. White of Groton, daughter of Fred and Cynthia Hurd White.

In Bristol, Sept. 7, 1938, by Rev. Clement B. Yinger of Bristol, Hubert F. Butterfield of Groton, son of Frank and Anna Jewell Butterfield, to Ethel M. Smith of Grafton, daughter of Lee and Winnifred Moffatt Smith.

DEATHS

In Groton, Aug. 16, 1938, Mrs. Lea Houle, aged 82 years, 5 months, 16 days.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SARAH DUNKERTON,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane	Moderator
Mrs. Sarah A. Dunkerton	Clerk
Mrs. Sarah A. Dunkerton	Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Patterson	Auditor

School Board

Mrs. Annie Esty	Term expires 1939
Mrs. Cynthia White	Term expires 1940
Mrs. Doris Decker	Term expires 1941

Teachers

Mrs. Zelma Watts	South Groton
Mrs. Myrtle Craig	North Groton

Superintendent of Schools

Earl P. Freese

School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.

FINANCIAL REPORT

of

School Treasurer and School Board

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938

Treasurer's Report

Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1937	$ 116.99
From selectmen by taxation	3,432.18
From state treasurer, state aid	292.23
From other sources	84.00
Received from all sources	$ 3,925.40
Less school board orders paid	3,904.68
Balance on hand June 30, 1938	$ 20.72

SARAH DUNKERTON,
Treasurer.

July 2, 1938.

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and find them correct in all respects.

MARY G. PATTERSON,
Auditor.

July 9, 1938.

School Board's Report

Year ending June 30, 1938

Receipts:	
From state treasurer, state aid	$ 292.23
From selectmen by taxation	3,432.18
From elementary school tuitions	84.00
Total receipts from all sources	$ 3,808.41
Cash on hand July 1, 1937	116.99
Grand total	$ 3,925.40

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Groton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MARY G. PATTERSON,
Auditor.

July 9, 1938.

Detailed Statement of Payments

1937-38

Salaries of district officers		
Flora Matthews, school board	$ 40.00	
Cynthia White, school board	20.00	
Sarah Dunkerton, clerk and treasurer	20.00	
Annie Esty, school board	15.00	
Dorothy Wheeler, auditor	1.80	
		$ 96.80

Superintendent's salary		
Bessie Gale, treasurer		$ 101.18
Truant officer and school census		
Flora Matthews, salary	$ 7.00	
R. E. Lane, census cards	.90	
		$ 7.90
Expense of administration		
Flora Matthews, auto hire, postage and telephone	$ 20.65	
John C. Ray, treasurer's bond	5.00	
Cynthia White, auto hire	4.50	
Sarah Dunkerton, postage	1.00	
Bank, service charge	1.00	
Annie Esty, postage	.31	
		$ 32.46
Teachers' salaries		
Mrs. Zelma Watts	$ 885.00	
Mrs. Myrtle Craig	885.00	
		$ 1,770.00
Text books		
Ginn & Co.	$ 28.31	
Scott Foresman Co.	7.75	
Row Peterson & Co.	4.05	
Mrs. Guy Speare	2.00	
L. W. Singer Co.	.88	
Mrs. Myrtle Craig	.80	
Hall & McCreary	.72	
		$ 44.51
Scholars' supplies		
Laidlaw Bros.	$ 9.40	
American Education Press	8.80	
J. L. Hammett Co.	4.70	
Philip H. Janes	3.78	
Ginn & Co.	3.15	

Henry Nolkins Co.	$ 2.63	
John S. Chever	1.84	
Charles E. Merrill Co.	1.41	
Macmillan Co.	1.39	
Plymouth School District	1.00	
Edson C. Eastman	.83	
American Book Co.	.79	
World Book Co.	.63	
		$ 40.35
Other expenses of instruction		
Annie Esty, money paid out	$ 3.50	
Cynthia White, money paid out	2.50	
Houghton Mifflin Co., teacher's book	2.16	
Ginn & Co., book	.72	
		$ 8.88
Janitor service		
Zelma Watts	$ 36.00	
Myrtle Craig	36.00	
		$ 72.00
Fuel		
Cynthia White, wood	$ 30.50	
Perley Matthews, wood	30.00	
		$ 60.50
Janitor supplies		
White River Paper Co., toilet supplies	$ 6.82	
Kaustine Chemical Co., chemicals	6.00	
Cavis Bros. Co., supplies	3.66	
J. L. Hammett Co.	2.54	
Frank B. Wells Co.	2.40	
Flora Remick, brooms and soap	1.70	
Flora Matthews, freight and cartage	1.34	
F. Rowell, freight and cartage	1.11	

Edgar Albert, labor on toilets	$ 1.00	
Annie Esty, money paid out	.05	
		$ 26.62
Repairs and expenses		
T. T. Goodwin, repairs on toilet	$ 37.85	
Cynthia White, labor	16.40	
Flora Matthews, labor	11.58	
Thomas Newton, labor	8.20	
Floyd Colby, labor	7.60	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	4.43	
Laurice Esty, labor	2.00	
Karl Wheeler, lumber	.85	
Perley Matthews, labor	.80	
Myrtle Craig, money paid out	.45	
		$ 90.16
Health supervision		
Anna Lovett, R. N., salary		$ 63.26
Transportation		
Flora Matthews	$ 615.00	
Martha Fuller	270.00	
		$ 885.00
High school tuition		
Plymouth High School		$ 63.38
Elementary Tuition		
Dorchester School District	$ 135.00	
Rumney School District	33.00	
		$ 168.00
Per capita tax		
F. Gordon Kimball, state treasurer		$ 94.00

Special repairs		
Frank B. Wells Co., lumber	$ 111.08	
Floyd Colby, labor	34.90	
Frank Matthews, labor	30.60	
Thomas Newton, labor	27.60	
Flora Matthews, auto hire	5.00	
		$ 209.18
Insurance		
John C. Ray, agent		$ 67.50
Bills previous year		
Kaustine Chemical Co.		$ 3.00
Total payments		$ 3,904.68
Cash on hand June 30, 1938		20.72
Grand total		$ 3,925.40

Balance Sheet

Assets—Balance June 30, 1938	$ 20.72
Liabilities	None
Excess of assets over liabilities	$ 20.72

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Public Laws 1926, chapter 68:22, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ANNIE E. ESTY,
CYNTHIA A. WHITE,
DORIS L. DECKER,
School Board.

June 30, 1938.

Attendance Report

Sept. 6, 1938, to Jan. 27, 1939

School	Sessions	Attendance	Tardy	Enrollment	Supt's Visits	Nurse's Visits
North Groton	182	95.0%	8	17	5	5
Groton	180	92.1%	13	23	8	9
Totals	181	93.5%	21	40	13	14

Enrollment—January 27, 1939

School	Grades 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
North Groton	3	0	5	0	0	5	0	4	17
Groton	3	4	2	4	4	4	2	0	23
Totals	6	4	7	4	4	9	2	4	40

Boys 22 Girls 18

Tuition Paid—1938-39

High school
Plymouth—Rate $62.89
Mildred Colby — Grade 12

Elementary schools
Dorchester—Rate $45.00
Alice Stevens — Grade 3
Lorena Waldron — Grade 8

Rumney—Rate $37.00
Robert Fuller — Grade 6

Summary
High school — $ 62.89
Elementary schools — 127.00

Payments 1937-38, Budget 1938-39, and Proposed Budget 1939-40

	Payments 1937–38	Budget 1938–39	Budget 1939–40
Salaries of district officers	$ 96.80	$ 107.45	$ 110.00
Superintendent's salary	101.18	103.27	103.27
Truant officer and school census	7.90	10.00	12.00
Expenses of administration	32.46	45.00	45.00
Teachers' salaries	1,770.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Text books	44.51	50.00	50.00
Scholars' supplies	40.35	60.00	60.00
Flags	.....	1.00	3.25
Other expenses of instruction	8.88	10.00	10.00
Janitor service	72.00	72.00	72.00
Fuel	60.50	77.00	77.00
Janitor supplies	26.62	30.00	30.00
Repairs and expenses	90.16	150.00	75.00
Health supervision	63.26	74.77	75.00
Transportation	885.00	549.00	549.00
High school tuition	63.38	62.89	70.00
Elementary tuition	168.00	127.00	82.00
Per capita tax	94.00	100.00	96.00
Insurance	67.50	.....	.....
Special repairs	209.18	.....	.....
Bills previous year	3.00	10.00	.....
Totals	$ 3,904.68	$ 3,439.38	$ 3,319.52

School Board's Estimate for 1939-40

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939.

Detailed statement of expenditures:

* Support of schools		
Teachers' salaries	$ 1,800.00	
Text books	50.00	
Scholars' supplies	60.00	
Flags and appurtenances	3.25	
Other expenses of instruction	10.00	
Janitor service	72.00	
Fuel	77.00	
Water, light, janitors' supplies	30.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	75.00	
Health supervision (medical inspection)	75.00	
Transportation of pupils	549.00	
Payment of elementary tuitions	82.00	
		$ 2,883.25
Other statutory requirements		
Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	$ 110.00	
Truant officer and school census (fixed by district)	12.00	
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by board)	70.00	
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union	103.27	
Per capita tax (report of state treasurer)	96.00	
Other obligations	45.00	
		$ 436.27
Total amount required to meet school board's budget		$ 3,319.52

Estimated income of district:		
Balance June 30, 1939 (estimate)	$ 300.00	
State aid (December 1939 allotment)	279.58	
Dog tax (estimate)	25.00	
Deduct total estimated income (not raised by taxation)		$ 604.58
† Assessment required to balance school board's budget		$ 2,715.94

CYNTHIA A. WHITE,
School Board.

Groton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1939.

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* $3.50 per $1,000 of **taxable inventory** is **minimum** required by law in addition to per capita tax and salaries of district officers.

† $5 per $1,000 of **equalized valuation** must be raised for **elementary schools** to qualify for state aid. The net assessment must contain this amount in addition to funds raised for high school maintenance and other statutory requirements.